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## Chaplain's Corner Reverend Milton E. Jordan

### Special Report

While many might expect a reflection about Mary, I will disappoint you! This is about ourselves that I make this final report as the Pastor of St. Matthias Church and the Chaplain of the Mother Seton Council.

St. John Paul II, while speaking about the practice of our faith, on one of his world trips said this: ***"If we do not let the world know we believe in our faith, the people of the world will not come to it."***

Brothers, these words can be directed to the total membership of our Mother Seton Council. If we do not show our belief and support in the Knights of Columbus and our Council, no one will join our ranks. Furthermore, we make a mockery of the Brothers who stand in the vestibule encouraging men of the parish to join a vibrant organization. Honestly, why would anyone who watches us want to join a group of men who fail to show who they are? Why would anyone want to be a part of a group of men who pledge one thing but only weakly fulfill it?

It is my hope, after my strong remarks at the May 2nd business meeting that those members currently holding an office of responsibility will in the Council will consider moving ahead to the next office or the next "chair" with a renewed intention of dedication to the pledge once made to serve the Council. If there is no progression of an individual through the "chairs", any Council will be forced to face difficulties and lack of interest. Each member elected to the Office of the Council Warden has the opportunity of creating his own "legacy" to the Council as that Brother Knight progresses up the "chairs." It is that legacy that instills genuine life in a Council.

My Brothers, the Knights of Columbus can be themes admired and powerful group in any parish IF the membership of the Council believes in itself and in the mission of our Founder, Fr. McGiveny.

I believe this: As a group in the world's largest men's group and the Catholic Church's strongest men's organization, the membership of our Council has fallen to an extent because we have let go of the torch that every Knight carries as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Furthermore, I am strongly committed to encouraging a Council to realize the Supreme



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Council's decision to make clear that the role of a Council is to be a major support to the Parish where it exists. This is such an important new mission the Supreme Knight and his Council have placed into the description of a local parish Council's responsibilities.

Be that current state of affairs in this Council, I do heartily believe there is a unique power and strength in the membership of the Mother Seton Council from the longest serving Brother Knight to the newest man who has joined our ranks.

Brothers, let all of our membership renew our Council's strength and determination by renewing within each member's heart and mind by privately or publicly renewing the pledge first made as a Knight of Columbus. Let "**VIVAT JESUS**" have a renewing impact on each of us and our Mother Seton Council.

## Editor's Note

**A Special "Thank You" to Father Milt for his Seton notes contributions over the years. The Chaplain's Report has been one of the things that helped us achieve accolades as a successful newsletter.**

**We look forward to him contributing an article now and then as retirement allows.**